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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO.

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY  
MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## ORDER

On or about April 18, 1991, the Board received a report that Dr. Hopps had been arrested by the Economic Crimes Unit of the Office of the Prosecutor of Burlington County, New Jersey, and charged with Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received. Specifically, Dr. Hopps was charged with converting to his own use payroll deductions taken from the

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salaries of five of his employees from 1986 until the date of his arrest. It was further alleged that he had failed to pay required New Jersey sales taxes. In a formal statement taken from Dr. Hopps on the day of his arrest, he admitted these charges. On or about October 19, 1992, Dr. Hopps was admitted to the Pre-Trial Intervention program in Burlington County for a period of six months conditioned upon his paying restitution in the amount of \$1,385.57 to the New Jersey Division of Taxation and \$8,018.57 to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Board further found that on three occasions letters had been forwarded to Dr. Hopps at the Pinelands Veterinary Clinic at mailing addresses listed by the Board. On all three occasions the letters were returned indicating that the address was incorrect and/or that a forwarding order had expired. Dr. Hopps had not contacted the Board to register a new mailing address.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-9.4, every practitioner of veterinary medicine is required to renew his or her certificate of registration biannually on or before July 1. The application for renewal must include the mailing address of the licensee. In addition, a veterinarian is required to report to the Board in writing any change in his place of practice within 30 days of such change. It appeared to the Board that Dr. Hopps had failed to comply with the statute. Based on Dr. Hopps' admitted criminal actions and on his apparent failure to comply with the above statute, the Board was satisfied that sufficient grounds existed for the revocation of his license and an Order of

Revocation was entered. It has since been alleged by Michael S. Karpoff, Esq., counsel for Dr. Hopps, that the post office changed the mailing address of Pinelands Veterinary Clinic but that the clinic itself is still at the same location. Based on that assertion,

IT IS on this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of JUNE, 1993

ORDERED that the Order revoking the license to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey issued to David C. Hopps, D.V.M., be and hereby is vacated pending further action by the Board.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS

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